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**PATENT**

Docket No.

53249US002

**Amendment Transmittal Letter**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Inventor(s): Loyd R. Hornback III and Joseph C. Peisert  
Application No. 08/971,851 Group Art Unit: 1764  
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Title: SURFACE TENSION RELIEVED MOUNTING MATERIAL

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Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid					\$280.00	\$
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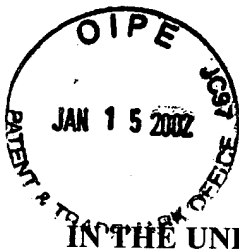
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 30, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 12-16, 18-20, 23-26 and 28 as follows:

12. (Three Times Amended) A pollution control device comprising:
- a housing;
  - a pollution control element having an outer curvature and being disposed within said housing; and
  - a mounting article disposed between said pollution control element and said housing, said mounting article comprising a sheet material useful for mounting said pollution control element, said sheet material having major top and bottom surfaces, a thickness, a length and a width, said sheet material having at least one score-line in the major top surface and across the width of said sheet material to relieve enough surface tension in said sheet material that, when said sheet material is disposed around the curvature of said pollution control element, undesirable cracking or breaking of said sheet material that would otherwise occur is avoided.

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